

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection Commission**

**ITEM**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC:** Solid Waste Alternatives Program – Recommendations

The Department received 7 proposals, requesting nearly \$400,000 in financial assistance, for consideration during the July 2008 round of funding. Five (5) projects were selected for funding or additional consideration. If approved they will receive \$91,156 in a combination of forgivable loans and zero interest loans.

The review committee consisted of five persons representing the Energy and Waste Management Bureau (Tom Anderson, Jennifer Reutzell), Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations (Scott Smith), Iowa Recycling Association (Jeff Rose), and the Iowa Waste Exchange (Julie Plummer).

The table below summarizes recommendations by applicant and project type and by the type of award.

<b>Recommended By Applicant Type</b>	<b># Awards</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Forgivable Loan Portion</b>
Local Government	2	\$49,925	\$44,125
Private For Profit	3	\$41,231	\$30,166
Private Not For Profit	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Recommended By Project Type</b>	<b># Awards</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Forgivable Loan Portion</b>
Best Practices	5	\$91,156	\$74,291
Market Development	0	\$0	\$0
Education	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Type of Award</b>	<b># Awards</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Forgivable Loan Portion</b>
Forgivable loan only	4	\$34,291	\$34,291
Forgivable and 0% loan only	1	\$56,865	\$40,000
0% and 3% interest loan only	0	\$0	\$0
0% interest loan only	0	\$0	\$0
3% interest loan only	0	\$0	\$0

At this time, the Department is requesting Commission approval to enter into contracts with selected applicants whose awards will be in excess of \$25,000 subject to satisfactory review of additional requested information as needed.

A description of each recommended project, the project type, the amount and type of funding assistance is attached followed by a description of other proposals received but not recommended for funding.

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Attachment

a) Application descriptions

August 15, 2008

**SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM**  
**PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS – JULY 2008**

The Department received seven (7) proposals, requesting nearly \$400,000 in financial assistance, for consideration during the July 2008 round of funding. Five (5) projects were selected for funding or additional consideration. If all are approved they will receive \$91,156 in a combination of forgivable loans and zero interest loans.

The following provides a description of each project, the project type, and the amount and type of funding assistance. The descriptions are organized as projects above \$25,000, those \$25,000 and below, and proposals received but not selected.

**PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS: ABOVE \$25,000**

**BEST PRACTICES PROJECTS:**

<b>Adams/Taylor Regional Service Agency</b> <b>625 Benton Avenue</b> <b>Corning, IA 50840</b>	<b>Forgivable Loan:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
	<b>Zero Interest Loan:</b>	<b>\$5,800</b>
	<b>3% Interest Loan</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
	<b>Total Award Amount:</b>	<b>\$25,800</b>
	<b>Cash Match:</b>	<b>\$25,520</b>
	<b>In-Kind Match:</b>	<b><u>\$22,800</u></b>
	<b>Local Match:</b>	<b>\$48,320</b>
	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$74,120</b>

<b>Project Title:</b>	Taylor Recycle Boost		
<b>Contact:</b>	Jeff Milhollin	Phone:	641-322-3230
<b>Project Type:</b>	Best Practices		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Local Government		
<b>Description:</b>	The applicant will partner with Prairie Solid Waste Agency and the towns of Bedford and New Market to increase recycling tonnages captured from the participating service area. The program will purchase drop-off recycling bins for participating communities and will allow the communities to provide local site management and hauling. The applicant will also provide ongoing education and outreach to community residents to increase local participation rates. Funds will go towards the purchase of drop-off collection containers and will aid in the diversion of approximately 81 tons of material from the landfill each year.		
<b>Target Area:</b>	Adams, Taylor and Union Counties		

**S+J Sanitation**  
567 E. Hilton Street  
Marengo, IA 52301-1717

<b>Forgivable Loan:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Zero Interest Loan:</b>	<b>\$11,065</b>
<b>3% Interest Loan</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Total Award Amount:</b>	<b>\$31,065</b>

<b>Cash Match:</b>	<b>\$35,615</b>
<b>In-Kind Match:</b>	<b><u>\$197,500</u></b>
<b>Local Match:</b>	<b>\$233,115</b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$264,180</b>

**Project Title:** **S+J Sanitation and Recycling**

**Contact:** Jerry J. Smith Phone: 319-642-3325

**Project Type:** Best Practices

**Applicant:** Private For Profit

**Description:** The applicant will establish a residential recycling drop-off site for all Iowa County residents (located in the City of Marengo) and expand a commercial recycling program by providing recycling containers and office paper bins for on-site commercial collection. Materials to be collected from both the residential and commercial collection programs will include cardboard, paper, plastics and metals. Funds will go towards the acquisition of recycling equipment and collection containers for the commercial recycling program. The program will divert an estimated 930 tons of material from the landfill each year.

**Target Area:** Iowa County

#### **PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATIONS: \$25,000 AND BELOW**

##### **BEST PRACTICES PROJECTS:**

**Burke Corporation**  
1516 South D Avenue  
P.O. Box 209  
Nevada, IA 50201

<b>Forgivable Loan:</b>	<b>\$10,166</b>
<b>Zero Interest Loan:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>3% Interest Loan</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Total Award Amount:</b>	<b>\$10,166</b>

<b>Cash Match:</b>	<b>\$10,274</b>
<b>In-Kind Match:</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Local Match:</b>	<b>\$10,274</b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$20,440</b>

**Project Title:** **Baler for Burke**

**Contact:** James Stevens Phone: 515-382-8478

**Project Type:** Best Practices

**Applicant:** Private For Profit

<b>Description:</b>	The applicant will establish a comprehensive recycling program at their manufacturing facility. Corrugated cardboard and plastic stretch film currently going to the landfill will be diverted and recycled. Funds will go towards the purchase of equipment to carry out the program, and for training to all facility employees on the new recycling program. The program will divert an estimated 440 tons of cardboard and plastic from the landfill each year.
<b>Target Area:</b>	Story County

<b>Waste Commission of Scott County</b> P.O. Box 563 Buffalo, IA 52728	<b>Forgivable Loan:</b> \$18,500 <b>Zero Interest Loan:</b> \$0 <b>3% Interest Loan:</b> <u>\$0</u> <b>Total Award Amount:</b> \$18,500  <b>Cash Match:</b> \$69,550 <b>In-Kind Match:</b> <u>\$10,000</u> <b>Local Match:</b> \$79,550  <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$98,050
<b>Project Title:</b>	Scott County West Lake Park Drop-off Recycling Expansion
<b>Contact:</b>	Kathy Morris Phone: 563-381-1300
<b>Project Type:</b>	Best Practices
<b>Applicant:</b>	Local Government
<b>Description:</b>	The applicant will expand the West Lake Park drop-off recycling collection site in cooperation with the Scott County Health Department and the Scott County Conservation Department. The size of the site will be increased and the number of drop-off containers will also be increased in response to increased usage and demand for the site by area residents and visitors. The applicant will also continue to provide recycling education to the area's residents in cooperation with project partners. The expanded program will assist in the diversion of over 425 tons of recyclables from the landfill per year.
<b>Target Area:</b>	Scott County

<b>City of Ottumwa</b> 105 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Ottumwa, IA 52501	<b>Forgivable Loan:</b> \$5,625 <b>Zero Interest Loan:</b> \$0 <b>3% Interest Loan:</b> <u>\$0</u> <b>Total Award Amount:</b> \$5,625  <b>Cash Match:</b> \$2,875 <b>In-Kind Match:</b> <u>\$3,135</u> <b>Local Match:</b> \$6,010  <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$11,635
<b>Project Title:</b>	City of Ottumwa Composting Project

<b>Contact:</b>	Janice Bain	Phone: 641-683-0685
<b>Project Type:</b>	Best Practices	
<b>Applicant:</b>	Local Government	
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The applicant will initiate a pilot home composting program for the residents of the City of Ottumwa. The City will provide cost subsidized composting bins to participating residents for composting household organic wastes, including yard and some food wastes. The City will also provide extensive community education marketing the pilot program, as well as training on how to operate a home composting unit. Participants of the program will also be required to assist with training new project participants and participate in local public service announcements encouraging composting and participation in the program. Funds will be used to purchase the home composting bins. The pilot program looks to initially divert approximately 45 additional tons of organic household waste from the landfill each year</p>	
<b>Target Area:</b>	City of Ottumwa	

### PROPOSALS RECEIVED, NOT RECOMMENDED

<b>Indigo Dawn, LLC</b> <b>P.O. Box 41007</b> <b>Des Moines, IA 50311</b>		<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Green &amp; Main</b>		
<b>Contact:</b>	Chaden Halfhill	<b>Phone:</b>	515-202-6276
<b>Project Type:</b>	Best Practices		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Private For Profit		
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The applicant requested funding to assist in the renovation of an existing brick commercial building utilizing a variety of sustainable building materials and construction practices.</p>		

<b>Krull Wood Products</b> <b>2078 Hickory Avenue</b> <b>Rock Rapids, IA 51246</b>		<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>	<b>\$141,375</b>
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Krull Wood Products Expansion to Serve</b>		
<b>Contact:</b>	Marc Krull	<b>Phone:</b>	712-470-4843
<b>Project Type:</b>	Best Practices		
<b>Applicant:</b>	Private For Profit		
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The applicant requested funding to expand their wood waste recycling operation with additional equipment and building space to keep up with area commercial demand for their services.</p>		